

REMARKS

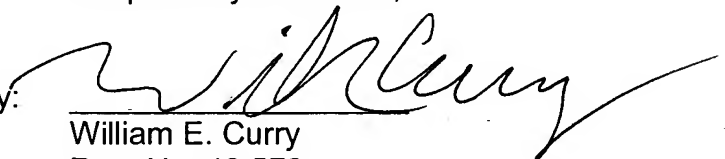
Claims 1-35 are pending in this application. Claims 4, 7, 9, 11, 12, 16-18 and 31-35 were withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner pursuant to a requirement for restriction. Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 8, 10, 13-15, 29 and 30 stand rejected. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 10, 13, 14, 15, 29 and 30 were rejected as anticipated by Nostrand (US 762,839). The Applicant respectfully traverses. Nostrand cannot support the asserted rejection for at least the reason that Nostrand does not disclose a structure having a "tacky upper exposed surface capable of multiple uses after being stepped on." Clearly, the fly paper apparatus of Nostrand is not a floor mat support and drainage structure as claimed, and would be unusable for any purpose after being stepped. Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 10, 13, 14, 15, 29 and 30 were rejected as anticipated by Nostrand is therefore respectfully requested.

In light of the above discussion, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in all aspects in allowable condition, and earnestly solicits early issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 220-4323 to discuss any matter concerning this application. The Office is authorized to charge any fees related to this communication to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

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